

Protection of interest of unorganised workers

4497. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have sought assistance of the Planning Commission to provide fund for introducing scheme to give social security and to protect interest of the unorganised workers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) Planning Commission's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) There is no proposal to seek assistance of the Planning Commission to provide funds for introducing a scheme to give social security and to protect the interests of the unorganized workers as such in the country. However, a proposal to introduce a social security scheme for agricultural workers is being examined in consultation with the concerned Central Ministries/Departments including Planning Commission.

Seminar on industry and employment problems

† 4498. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the Seminar held recently in Kolkata on industry and employment problems;
- (b) if so, Government's reaction thereto and the details and outcome of the discussions held in this seminar;
- (c) whether in view of the strong demands being raised, Government intend to amend the existing labour laws in order to make them more effective; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.